

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 14, 2011

Agenda Item: Glendive Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Paddlefish Advisory Committee

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Approval of Final Rule/Action

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background

Montana statutes authorize one non-profit organization to collect, process and sell paddlefish roe under state regulations. The Glendive Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is the current organization selected to participate in this program. State law requires the selected organization to appoint a committee comprised of one member of the organization, two area local government representatives and two representatives of area anglers. The committee is responsible for soliciting proposals for historical, cultural, recreational, and fish and wildlife activities, and funding projects. The committee must notify the Commission of its actions.

There are no changes in committee membership from last year. Thirty community grant projects were funded through last year's committee. The 2011 Paddlefish Roe Committee recommendations include:

- Mike Roe—Glendive Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture
- Kevin Dorwart—City of Glendive director of Operations
- Tim Mort—West Glendive Fire Department chief and Dawson County fire warden
- Kevin McGovern—Reynolds Warehouse Grocery meat cutter in Glendive
- James Thielman—Thielman Oil Productions Services, Inc. in Glendive

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the grants advisory committee be approved and that a new permit to manage the paddlefish roe program be implemented with the Glendive Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture for 2011 provided that the Chamber remains in compliance with provisions of the 2010 permit.

Proposed Motion

I move to approve the Paddlefish Roe Program Advisory Committee as recommended by the Glendive Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and to direct the department to enter into an MOU with the Chamber for the 2011 paddlefish season.